



What it means to be a summer staff for...

★ON THE EDGE ADVENTURES★

Each year On The Edge Adventures (OTEA) staff look forward to the arrival of the summer staff. We see you as one of our primary ministry opportunities. We have the chance to influence hundreds of youth and adults each summer for a few days at a time. The summer staff are with us for four months, increasing our chance to make an impact- in you. Also, the experience the youth on our trips have is in large part, a result of who you are and what you bring to OTEA. The more we can develop you, the more impact OTEA will have on the people on our trips.

What do you have to offer? If you don't have a personal relationship with Christ, then you would not want to be one of our guides. If you are a follower of Christ and His teachings, can you and will you want to explain to youth and adults, who Christ is and what He can mean to them? Do you want to learn how to do this through wilderness programming? This is what we are about.

Wilderness activities are excellent vehicles for evangelism, challenging apathy, encouraging good character, and bringing people to a place of decision. They are outside of what is comfortable for them and looking for leadership from their stable & knowledgeable guide. This means they want to be recognized and identified with you, hence you have an open window to use into their lives which you and Christ can climb through. We earn the right to be heard. You will be given opportunities to talk with kids about some of the darkness in their lives all because you are a caring guide in a wilderness setting.

You may be great with youth and they love you or you may be able to turn a raft on a dime or hit every wave dead center, but you will need to live servant leadership. If you don't wash dishes the program can't happen. If you don't repair flat tires or clean out hot coolers the opportunity to talk with a kid will be lost. Summer staff are servants before they are leaders. This type of ministry is not for you if don't, on a daily basis, get up each morning to (spiritually) wash feet.

The type of trips we lead are one to six days; whitewater rafting, canoeing, rock climbing, caving, backpacking, winter adventures, team building, or a combination thereof. You may go from the end of one program to the beginning of another within a couple of hours. We will train you to be assistant leaders of these trips and eventually, after going through our certification process, you will be able to be a trip leader- but only when we feel you are ready. Only then will you be given responsibility for a raft of people or leading a program. Safety is our first concern and we have an impeccable track record to prove it.

OTEA has need of staff that never set foot out on a program. Clerical and logistical staff are also in great need. Without people packing out food for a trip or sending out contracts these programs don't happen.

Being an OTEA summer staff is an experience you will carry with you the rest of your life. It is our hope that your experience with us would be a catalyst in your spiritual, physical, and mental journey. We look forward to sharing an adventure with you.

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